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and property of natives is equally great.

It is with the question of trade that we are

now chiefly concerned, however, and on this

point Sir HARRY JOHNSTON has much to

say. Twenty-five years ago British com-

mercial influence was dominant in Tunis;

but from 1876 onwards it began to decline.

The English bank there came to an end,

various British enterprises were abandoned,

and British trade declined from 2,300,000

in 1876 to about 220,000 in 1881 and

1882. France stepped into the vacant

place, and when the disintegration of the

Arab Government was complete it fell to

the lot of France to replace it. Since then

British trade has slowly increased, and in

1897 amounted to about 2,680,000. That,

however, has been under the policy of the

open door, for the trade of all countries has

hitherto been treated on an equal footing.

Under the new policy of differential tariffs

we must be prepared to treat Tunis as an

essential part of France. Nevertheless, Sir

HARRY JOHNSTON foresees, even under

these conditions, a considerable future for

British trade in that part of North Africa,

if the present tariff is not again altered

in regard to British goods. We have had

a similar experience in the neighbouring

French possessions in Indo-China, where

under French protection a considerable

British trade has grown up, which the

introduction of a differential tariff has not

been able to stifle. Exact figures of the

Indo-China trade are not available, but a

reference to the Harbour Master's report

shows that while in the year 1880 the vessels

that left Hongkong for Cochin-China,

Hainan, and ports in the Gulf of Tonkin

numbered 243 of a tonnage of 145,213,

in 1897 they numbered 455 of a tonnage of

450,221. Many of the vessels engaged in

this trade leave Hongkong in ballast, but

the tonnage leaving with cargo was 294,664

in 1896 as against 100,620 in 1880, or an

increase of nearly 200 per cent., and of that

increase it must be assumed a large pro-

portion represents British goods. There can

be no doubt that the establishment of Russia

in Manchuria will lead to a similar or even

greater increase of trade in that direction.

Anyhow we have to thank Germany, Russia,

and France for having materially contrib-

uted by their recent action to the

opening up of China and to the reviv-

ification of British diplomacy in China.

Mr. Cusick was right when some months

ago he said there was room in Asia for all.

It would have been a lamentable mistake

if Great Britain had gone to war to prevent

Russia having a little room.

The P. & O. steamer *Brindley* left Singapore

for this port on the 13th inst. at 10 a.m.

There were 2,617 visitors to the City Hall

Museum last week, of whom 193 were Europeans.

For treasuring on Crown land by establish-

ing a ropewalk thereon a rope maker was yes-

terday fined \$10.

The steamer *Glenariff*, from Middleboro,

London, and Straits, left Singapore for this

port yesterday morning.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Oni Maru* (Australian

Line) left Thursday Island for this port on

Saturday and is expected to arrive here on the

22nd inst.

Mr. Little, recently banished from Siam, left

Singapore for Saigon on the 3rd April in the

N. M. India. He proposed to pass through

Singapore again a fortnight later on his way to

Europe.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon

on the 11th April there were 8 cases of plague

reported and 13 deaths and during the twenty-

four hours to noon of yesterday 9 cases and 10

deaths.

The C. P. & S. steamer *Empire* of China

arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. on Monday,

the 11th inst., and left again at 5 p.m. same

day for Kobe, where she is expected to arrive

to-day at 9 p.m.

Luk Lam, who keeps a small drapery shop at

31, Jordan Street, was yesterday fined \$25, or

imprisonment for having in his possession a

certain number of copies according to the standard

measure of the colony.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., lectures before the

members of the Old China Society in the City

Hall this afternoon on "Yankee in China," com-

menting the discovery of the sea route to India. Com-

modore Holland, A.D.C., will take the chair.

The manager of the Hongkong Branch of

the Straits Insurance Co., Limited, has received

a telegram from his head office, Singapore,

stating that the annual general meeting of the

shareholders held on 12th inst. passed off satis-

factorily and the report and accounts were

passed.

The Kowloon ferry service is being turned

into a limited liability concern under the name

of The Kowloon Ferry Co., Limited, the prop-

erty of which will be found advertised in another

column. The capital is \$100,000 divided into

10,000 shares of \$10 each, of which \$7,500 is

paid up. The directors are Messrs. A. H. H. H.

Sharp and E. S. Wheeler, and the Secretary

Mr. E. Osborne. The share list closes at 3 p.m.

on Friday.

An exemplary fine was imposed upon

Chin Sing, a shop-keeper, at the Magis-

trate yesterday, for unlawfully mooring

his boat at Fray's Wharf, loaded with

dangerous goods, and for obstructing

the traffic for a longer

time than the period allowed, on Monday.

His boat was stationed at the place named for 45

minutes whilst the maximum period allowed is

15 minutes. He was fined \$30 for six weeks' (or

labour), this being at the rate of a dollar

for every minute he was detained.

A vessel named Tan Sung was sentenced

to three months' imprisonment, and to re-

ceive 18 strokes on his admission to the

goal and 18 strokes towards the conclusion of

the term, for stealing a pair of earrings of the

value of \$10, the property of Tan Shi Kam,

who was apprehended on Monday. Tan Shi Kam

complained that as he was walking along

Hollywood road on Monday night defendant

came up and pushed her from behind, and

she was falling, defendant took her earrings,

with the view of selling them for money.

She called out and defendant ran away. She

ran after him and he was ultimately caught by

a constable.

A Madrid telegram of the 3rd March, pub-

lished in the American papers, reads as fol-

lows:—"The public in much excited over the

report of the presence of a squadron of United

States warships in Hongkong. It is presumed

that the vessels intend to threaten Manila, the

capital of the Philippine Islands, in the event

of war between the United States and Spain.

The report, in an article headed "To Manila,"

was accompanied by an account of an un-

known person who reports the idea of an im-

mense fleet of ships, and says:—"The presence of the

warships at Hongkong is only Washington's policy,

and is not a real one. The Americans are not

so much as they are represented to be. They

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